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WHEREAS, INTEGRATED VASCULAR SYSTEMS, INC., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware and having its place of business at 743 Pastoria Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94086-2918 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under any Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign thereto.

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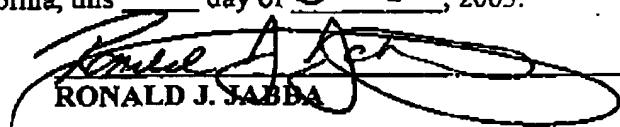

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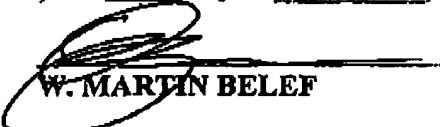
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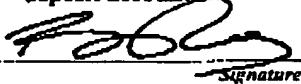
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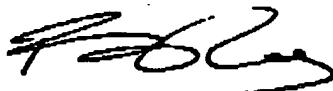
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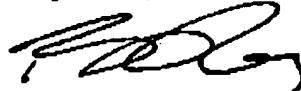
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